

DISASTER ALERT

EL NIÑO PREPARATION

JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT



Employment Development Department

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS
LA COOPERATIVA CAMPESINA DE CALIFORNIA
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 1997 EL NIÑO PREPARATION PROJECT PROPOSAL

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The purpose of this alert is to inform you that the Employment Development Department (EDD) has submitted an application to the Department of Labor in the amount of \$11.6 million for emergency preparedness needs that may be brought on by El Niño. The application was submitted under National Reserve Account disaster other circumstances.

The EDD's strategy will be to train temporary job creation participants for flood fighting so as to develop the capacity to immediately deploy trained crews to combat flood and water damage. The training will be provided with Governor's 40 Percent Discretionary funding. It will be developed in conjunction with the State Department of Water Resources and is planned to be provided in November and December. These federal preparedness funds will not be expended until such time that a local emergency declaration is made by local officials. Through tightened coordination of State and local government resources and communications, California will be prepared to combat the effects of El Niño.

In order to have an effective preparedness program, we are asking Service Delivery Areas (SDA) and project operators to identify the current temporary job creation participants interested in being trained and available for deployment to be part of the flood fighting crews. For those SDAs that were not affected by the January 1997 floods, potential participants must meet eligibility requirements for dislocated workers set forth in Section 301 of the Job Training Partnership Act.

We would like everyone to submit an estimate of the number of potential participants interested no later than by close of business Friday, November 21, 1997. Please provide the number of current participants from the Flood Assistance 1997 project separate from the new potential participants. Also, indicate if possible, whether the participants can relocate and work outside their immediate area of residency.

Please refer any questions regarding this matter to Luis Hermosillo (916) 654-5416 or Laine Hendra-Aldrich at (916) 654-5595.

\S\ JIM CURTIS, Manager
Program Management Section

Attachment

1997 EL NIÑO PREPARATION PROJECT PARTICIPATION ESTIMATES FORM

Organization Name:

Contact Person:

Contact Person's Telephone Number:

Contact Person's E-Mail Address:

Please provide the following estimates:

The potential number of current Flood Assistance 1997 Project Temporary Job Creation participants interested in Flood Fighting Training and assignment to Flood Fighting Crews in a disaster situation

The potential number of Title III eligible individuals interested in Flood Fighting Training and assignment to Flood Fighting Crews in a disaster situation

Please submit this information by close of business November 21, 1997.

Fax to the attention of Jim Curtis at (916) 657-0055.